Location of ultra mega power projects in Orissa

1099. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to set up 5 ultra mega power projects of 4,000 MW each in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the location of these plants;

(c) whether any of such plants is also proposed to be set up in the backward Orissa State to improve its economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Maharashtra are the States in which an ultra mega power project each is envisaged to be set up in the first phase.

(c) No, Sir. At the moment, there is no proposal to develop an ultra mega power project in the State of Orissa.

(d) Does not arise.

Different rates for power

†1100. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power producers have fixed different rates for selling of power in the country;

(b) if so, what are these rates;

(c) the reasons for difference in these rates; and

(d) the average percentage of power being purchased annually by the State Electricity Boards of the country at the above mentioned different rates from these power producers?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. Under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 tariff

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